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SUBJ: SENATOR BROOKE'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

1. SENATOR BROOKE MET FOR AN HOUR WITH PRIME MINISTER KHIEM ON APRIL 12.
 2. SENATOR BROOKE ASKED KHIEM ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE AND THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON THE ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE. HE AVOIDED SAYING WHETHER HE WAS OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC BUT MENTIONED THE HIGH RATE OF INFILTRATION AND THE NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS BY THE COMMUNISTS.
 3. ON THE SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS, KHIEM RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS BY AFFIRMING THAT THE GVN WISHED TO COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT BUT THAT THE PARIS TALKS WERE BOGGED DOWN ON THE AGENDA. HE SAID THAT ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE NLF PARTICIPATED WOULD BE PREFERABLE AND THAT THE GVN WAS PREPARED TO BE PATIENT. HE IMPLIED THAT THIS YEAR'S SENATE ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER SIDE.
 4. SENATOR BROOKE ASKED ABOUT POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE DEPRIVATION BY THE GVN OF CIVIL RIGHTS. PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE ROLE OF PROVINCE SECURITY COMMITTEES WITH REGARD TO VCI AND AFFIRMED THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS APPEARED BEFORE JUDGES WITH BENEFIT OF COUNSEL. HE THEN PRODUCED A BOOK WITH THE NAMES OF PERSONS DETAINED BY THE COMMUNISTS AND DREW ATTENTION TO THE VERY SMALL NUMBER OF POWS AND DETAINEES THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ADMITTED TO HOLDING. SENATOR BROOKE SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH HIS PRESENTATION.
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5. TURNING TO ECONOMIC AID SENATOR BROOKE ASKED ABOUT AID BEING RECEIVED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, ADB AND IBRD. PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAD TALKED TO MR MACNAMARA IN WASHINGTON AND GVN WAS HOPEFUL THAT IBRD WOULD PLAY A ROLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ADB HAD MADE ONE LOAN. GERMANS AND JAPANESE HAD ALSO BEEN HELPFUL AND WOULD PROBABLY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO RECONSTRUCTION.

6. SENATOR BROOKE EXPLORED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE COMMUNISTS AND BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE. THE PRIME MINISTER SHOWED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS IDEA.

7. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING SENATOR BROOKE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE SITUATION IN THE US WAS SUCH THAT FOREIGN AID WOULD BE MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO APROPRIATE. HE STRONGLY URGED THE GVN TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE US AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.
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